

**House File 223 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to transfers of moneys from the lottery fund to  
2 the veterans trust fund.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 99G.39, subsection 3, Code 2023, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Two million five hundred thousand dollars in lottery  
4 revenues shall be transferred each fiscal year to the veterans  
5 trust fund established pursuant to [section 35A.13](#) prior to  
6 deposit of the lottery revenues in the general fund pursuant  
7 to [section 99G.40](#). ~~However, if the balance of the veterans~~  
8 ~~trust fund is fifty million dollars or more, the moneys shall~~  
9 ~~be appropriated to the department of revenue for distribution~~  
10 ~~to county directors of veteran affairs, with fifty percent~~  
11 ~~of the moneys to be distributed equally to each county and~~  
12 ~~fifty percent of the moneys to be distributed to each county~~  
13 ~~based upon the population of veterans in the county, so long~~  
14 ~~as the moneys distributed to a county do not supplant moneys~~  
15 ~~appropriated by that county for the county director of veteran~~  
16 ~~affairs.~~

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 Under current law, \$2.5 million in lottery revenues is  
21 transferred every fiscal year to the veterans trust fund until  
22 the veterans trust fund reaches a balance of \$50 million or  
23 more. After reaching \$50 million, the \$2.5 million that  
24 would otherwise be transferred to the veterans trust fund is  
25 appropriated to the department of revenue for distribution to  
26 county directors of veteran affairs.

27 This bill eliminates the appropriation contingent upon the  
28 veterans trust fund balance reaching \$50 million or more,  
29 resulting in an annual appropriation to the department of  
30 revenue of \$2.5 million to the fund.